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A Look at

## Sig Ep's Housing



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# Sig Ep's Professionals . . . New Staff Follows A Long Tradition of Hard Work

The job of a fraternity professional, understandably, has undergone changes throughout the last several years which correspond closely to the changes that fraternities have experienced on campuses throughout the country. Like any other business, Sigma Phi Epsilon's Headquarters Staff works year-round to provide programs and advice to help make each of their local outlets (our chapters and colonies) stronger and more competitive.

Since the 1920s, when Clarence H. Freseark, Illinois, '22, Sigma Phi Epsilon's first "Traveling Secretary," railroaded from campus to campus, the job of consulting Sig Ep chapters has focused on such specific operational areas as financial management, rush, pledge orientation (brotherhood development), alumni planning, campus relations, orientation on the national Fraternity, and work with local Alumni Corporation officers on housing and finances. Also included is the job of expansion, or starting new Sig Ep colonies. As the number of Sig Ep chapters grew through the 1930s to the '50s and '60s, so, too, did the number of traveling staff members each academic year. To date, since 1922, 151 Sigma Phi Epsilon brothers have served as traveling staff members for the Fraternity's Headquarters.

Each of these men has gone on to establish successful careers in all parts of the country. In business, like Lewis A. Mason, who traveled in 1936, '37, and '38, now a vice president for the Sherwin Williams



1978-79 Regional Directors  
From left clockwise: Schottstein, McMillan, Thurmond, Averill, Woodbeck, Sullivan, Adams



Clarence H. Freseark



Frank J. Ruck, Jr.



William G. Tragos

## Keith Ruffner Takes District Post in Northeast

Keith C. Ruffner, II, Miami University (Ohio) '74, has been appointed District Governor of the New England States, District 1, by the National Board of Directors.

The District System of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity encompasses alumni working with the Fraternity's chapters in volunteer positions. Principally, these volunteers are the Chapter Counselors, Alumni Board officers, District Alumni Advisors, and Chapter Alumni Advisors. Ruffner's job as District Governor is to coordinate their needs, and to keep in contact with the Chapter Counselors and Alumni Board officers of the District.

Brother Ruffner served his chapter as President, and held



Ruffner

such other positions as song chairman, IFC representative, and rush chairman. He served one year, 1974, on the Headquarters Staff as a Regional Director, has served on Regional Leadership Academy faculties, and was the Alumni Board President of the Villanova University (Pennsylvania Rho) chapter.

Ruffner is presently employed by the National Planning and Service Organization, Inc. as Manager of their Group Benefits Department. Keith and his wife, Amanda, live in Simsbury, Connecticut.

"I have often considered how I might perform in the capacity of District Governor and am anxious to try putting my ideas in effect," said Ruffner. "I am eager to get acquainted with the chapters in New England, to increase alumni involvement in the Fraternity, and to continue to contribute to an organization that has given so much to me." He added, "It has given me the opportunity to learn leadership, and to apply management skills. Most of all it has helped me to learn about myself through interaction with others. I have always been eager to learn and luckily there have been many 'Big Brothers' to show me the opportunities available, and the pitfalls to avoid. It is my philosophy to continue this chain of one brother helping another, to help perpetuate what has been the Fraternity to me."

We are excited to have Keith Ruffner join the volunteer effort of supporting Sigma Phi Epsilon chapters, and we're confident that as District Governor, he will "continue the chain of one brother helping another."

## Cox Is New District Governor for Illinois

The Sig Ep chapters in District #15, the state of Illinois, have a newly appointed District Governor. The National Board of Directors recently appointed Ralph Walter Cox, Illinois State, '71, to that position.

As District Governor, Cox will begin working on the priorities of the District Governor's job description which include constant communications with the Chapter Counselors and Alumni Board officers, coordinating needs and providing support, planning a Chapter Day, and planning a Chapter Counselor session for the 1979 Regional Leadership Academy.

In his request to the Directors to be appointed Governor, Cox stated "I feel that working in the District system is a duty as well as an honor and pleasure. Our Fraternity needs capable volunteers on the district level to provide the leadership, advice, and stability that the undergraduate chapters need for steady growth. Helping



young men and their chapters would give personal rewards certainly worth the effort."

Cox is employed by McLean Trucking Company as a sales representative in Peoria, Illinois, where he lives with his wife, Nancy. He served his undergraduate chapter as president, after terms as social chairman, athletic chairman, and house manager. Since his graduation, Walt has also served as Chapter Counselor.

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# Alumni Spotlight

## 'More Than Just Nostalgia' Keeps Willard Voit Working for Our Fraternity's Future

The name Voit has become practically synonymous over the past half-century with everything that is athletic. Every day, millions of Americans bounce the name around!

The man who has the name—Willard D. Voit—worked hard and had to see that it happened just that way. Brother Voit, Southern California, '31, was the driving force behind one of the world's premier sporting goods manufacturers, AMF Voit.

From his first year in the company which his father, William J. Voit, founded in 1923 in Los Angeles, through his retirement in 1970, Willard was a hard driver. He started in the "black plant" as a high school student, quickly dispelling any ideas that the boss' son would have it easy. The "black plant" was the facility in which cruds rubber tire retreading materials were produced. "Dad didn't want me to have any breaks, and he didn't give me any," Voit recalled. "It was sound training, though, and I don't regret a minute of it."

The Seattle-born Voit has lived in Southern California since he was eight and now resides in Newport Beach with his wife, Mary Jo. The Voits have three sons: Willard S., Robert, Richard, and two grandsons.

Voit attended both of the Southern California athletic powers—USC for one year and the University of Southern California, from which he graduated with a degree in business administration. There he pledged and was initiated into the California Beta Chapter at USC, where he was anything but an athletic hero. "Let's face it," he admits, "I just barely made the tennis team!" And only

then, probably, because Ellsworth Vines—who later became a tennis great—was still a freshman.

After graduating from USC, Voit joined his father's firm full-time, but the road ahead was to prove as bouncy as some of the firm's products. A year later, the W.J. Voit Rubber Corporation "went under" due to a huge slide in the price of rubber and competition from Japan's low-wage rubber factories.

But Voit forged ahead to keep the family name in the industry, by forming a partnership to produce tread rubber. In 1936, the elder Voit had reorganized, taking over the partnership. At that time, Willard Voit became company controller, and it was all up hill from there! He was Sales Manager (he always preferred the sales side of the sporting goods business), was elected Executive Vice President in 1941, and later President at the time of his father's death in 1948.

Under Voit's leadership, the company grew and prospered for a decade thereafter. In 1956, with production at \$12,500,000 worth of products, two-thirds of which were sporting goods, Voit Rubber Company merged with American Machine and Foundry Company (AMF) to become AMF Voit. A 5,000,000 stock transfer sealed the transaction, with the stipulation that Voit and his management people would continue to run the company, which they did until his retirement in 1970 as Chairman of the Board of AMF Voit.

At 68, Willard Voit is anything but inactive. In the eight years since his retirement, he has increased his activity as a member of several boards, among them the Board of



Trustees of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation on which he serves as Secretary. He is also Director of Hoag Memorial Hospital and the Hoag Foundation in Newport Beach, Director of Claremont Men's College in Claremont, California, and Advisory Director of the Braille In-

stitutes. Add to that list one of his present business activities: Director of Bankers Life Insurance Company of Nebraska; Ware, Signer & Faigen of Phoenix, Arizona, Hattaras of California in Newport Beach; and Sports & Leisure International in Newport Beach. He is a Director and member of the Executive Committee of Pacific Gold Coast Chapter of Los Angeles and of the International Mining Corporation of New York City. He is also a partner of America Mine Limited, and Delaney Petroleum Company. And, of course, as one of the chief pioneers of the American

leisure time boom of recent years, Voit maintains memberships in a yacht club and two country clubs.

Of his work with Sigma Phi Epsilon, he recalls, "I cannot forget that a loan from our Foundation helped in making my graduation from Southern California possible years ago," adding that, "It's for more than just nostalgic reasons that some of us 'old grads' hope and work for a better and stronger Sigma Phi Epsilon in the years ahead." And with men like "hard-driving" Willard Voit among the Fraternity's leaders, we can feel a sense of confidence about those years ahead.

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## Camp Fund Tops \$120,000 In Contributions since 1959

To parents and their kids, the summer is a time for "going away to camp!" As the kids take their hikes, work on their projects, swim, and paddle their canoes, the experience of summer camp is slowly becoming one of their most valuable growing experiences!

Since 1959, Sigma Phi Epsilon chapters have been directly assisting camps across the country in this effort. The Sigma Phi Epsilon Camp Fund was established on Founders Day, November 1 of that year, and has since contributed more than \$120,000 toward various camps across the country. That money comes directly from the undergraduate chapter brothers themselves, and many Sig Ep chapters have achieved distinguished giving records through the years. Most notable is the Pennsylvania Delta, University of Pennsylvania, Chapter which leads the list with 29 years of consecutive contributions.

This year, 15 camps received awards of as much as \$400. A total of \$4,521.75 was contributed by 85 Sig Ep chapters, and most contributions were at a rate of \$1.00 per brother. The North Carolina Beta Chapter, North Carolina State University, contributed the largest amount for 1977-1978, \$360.00. Camps receiving contributions from the Camp Fund included:

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Papago Youth Club, Sails, Arizona  
Austin Sunshine Camp, Austin, Texas  
Pine Ridge Indian School, Pine Ridge, South Dakota  
Virginia Home for Boys, Richmond, Virginia



# A Conversation With John W. Hartman, Grand President

## ... On Sigma Phi Epsilon's current challenges, and future needs.

This Interview with Grand President John W. Hartman was conducted last spring by Journal Editor William L. Hoka, Jr.

**Hoka:** John, what do you envision when thinking of the Fraternity's phrase "Toward a Century of Brotherhood"?

**Hartman:** Basically, the challenges lie ahead, between now and the time that the Fraternity reaches its 100th birthday ... these probably fall into several areas. When Howard Black accepted the Grand Presidency in 1961, he mentioned that we were a long way from being the great Fraternity that everyone aspired to be. I think we've now reached a point where the goal of being recognized as the top national college fraternity is within our grasp. I feel that, as we look "Toward a Century of Brotherhood," one of our challenges is going to be to keep growing and keep moving ahead, and not to get caught up in complacency.

Another challenge that I see is the changing environment in higher education. We've heard reports from people, like our own brother, Dr. Garland Parker, (The University of Cincinnati) as to the direction of higher education. We are uncertain whether the predictions are going to come true or not, but if they do, we could be facing a decline in the number of educational institutions, serving fewer students; therefore, it might be unrealistic to anticipate a growth in the number of chapters of our Fraternity at a rate that we have been experiencing, and perhaps we might even face a decline in the number of our chapters. I know that this isn't an optimistic concern, but nevertheless, I think it is a real concern that we have to address ourselves to in the coming years.

A third challenge that faces Sigma Phi Epsilon, as we move "Toward a Century of Brotherhood," is to enhance the true spiritual experience of brotherhood and our position as an adjunct to the educational institution.

**Hoka:** You've been involved now, for several years, in the Fraternity as an Alumni Board member, a District Governor, a member of the National Board of Directors, and now as Grand President. What impact do you see an alumnus who works with a chapter having upon the undergraduate brothers and on the chapter, as a whole?

**Hartman:** In some cases, we're dealing with chapters that have existed for over 75 years; in other cases, we're dealing with chapters that have existed less than a year. But, in all cases, they're very unique situations. The freshmen come, they are eager and enthusiastic, and after approximately four years in the mainstream of the undergraduate chapter activities. They leave at the end of that period of time more mature, hopefully, wiser, and better prepared to meet the challenges that lay ahead. It's unique in that, although we're always dealing with different and changing individuals, an undergraduate chapter, at any given time, is the same age group.

The role of the alumnus in this environment is very key. Nationally, we have millions of Dollars invested in chapter houses. How realistic would it be to think that a group of undergraduates, on the campus for only four years, could develop that net worth that we have in chapter houses?

We can travel across the country and pinpoint our successful chapters,

which can usually be traced back to a specific alumnus or group of alumnus. I can think of West Virginia Delta, a chapter that has been inspired by Dr. Keith Hiser for years, and one that has existed because of his efforts. Recently, I had the pleasure of being with Dr. William Gordon in Oxford, Ohio, at Miami University, the campus on which the Miami Triad was founded. Because of Brother Gordon's efforts as a Chapter Counselor, our chapter at Miami is an outstanding chapter and is now recognized as one of the other fraternities on that campus as being a top fraternity. Another example is Pennsylvania Rho at Villanova University, chartered less than two years ago. Gary Bonas was instrumental in the development of this chapter ... its guiding light. Or we can cross over the Mississippi to Loras College, Iowa Eta, now going into their third year, the youngest chapter to ever receive a Buchanan Outstanding Chapter Award, due, in part, to the guidance and inspiration of alumnus Bob McCune. This can go on and on. But, I am convinced that, in the long run, a great chapter of our Fraternity doesn't exist without a dedicated group of well qualified alumnus.

**Hoka:** John, you're a successful business executive. How do you see the Fraternity experience affecting a college student today, as he prepares to enter the real world after he graduates?

**Hartman:** Thomas Baker, who was the Secretary of War during World War II, a fraternity man, described the whole education process of books and laboratories, great libraries, great professors, and he pointed out a missing and necessary ingredient to make a man a fully educated man. That was the ability to know how that individual related to his fellow man. He described a fraternity as an experience with no equal in teaching a young man this very key experience. I think that's probably as valid today as it was when that was made.

I strongly feel there are two parts to education, the part that is learned in the classroom, and the part that is learned outside of the classroom, which enable an individual to utilize those skills that have been gained through his formal education. "People skills" is a current business term, and in the classroom, people talk a lot about them; in the fraternity, you can practice and use them. I'm seeing more and more importance placed not on the man's technical ability, but on his people skills, his abilities to relate to other people in the environment in which is working.

The fraternity experience should also have a positive influence on a man's academic achievements. High grade point averages may not be everything, but they are definitely important.

**Hoka:** After visiting so many Sig Ep chapters, what are the major concerns expressed to you by our undergraduate brothers?

**Hartman:** They're (undergraduates) concerned about their housing, concerned about their activities, but, in general, the one complaint that comes through is the lack of support which they receive from their alumnus. One of the things that I think owe something to them, and that they (alumni) ought to be there to provide for their every need. I try to point out to them that it is a two-way street, and they have to show the alumnus that if they are to get involved, those efforts will be



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rewarded in the performance of the chapter. I feel that our undergraduates, today, want the advice and the counsel, the reassurance of the older brothers in the Fraternity. They want them to be involved in their chapter; they like to see them. They like to hear them about what they're doing, and why they are doing it ... what they did to prepare themselves for their careers. Believe it or not, the undergraduates don't just want out money. Alumni interest and guidance can have a much greater return.

**Hoka:** What societal factors do you see having a major impact on Sigma Phi Epsilon's future strength? Do you have any idea of just what that impact is likely to be?

**Hartman:** To answer the easy part of the question first, it's very hard to foresee the future and all the complexities that we live with. Fraternities, over the past 200 years have existed in basically the same form that they exist today, after many times of being challenged. I feel that this probably isn't going to change in the future.

Fraternitas, all too often live in a cloister. We can see the benefits to each other, but to a stranger on the outside looking in, it's sometimes difficult to recognize those benefits. Our actions are perceived as being something sinister and bad, when they're really very positive and good. That's the challenge that we're going to have to meet, to recognize that we are part of the environment, the society, the community in which we live. We're going to have to sell that community on the benefits we offer, why we have a secret Ritual, and why we choose to have membership selection. All of these things are going to be challenged. I'm sure that we're going to be challenged on male membership in the future.

On the encouraging side, fraternities have, over the past 200 years, dealt with many issues. We've handled them. I am confident that we will be able to handle them in the future, but if we bury our heads to these issues, the going could be very tough. If we face them and recognize them, I think we'll come through as we have in the past. After all, if you view the whole 200 years, we've seen an awful lot of organizations, philosophies, points of view, come and go, but yet, we're still intact with the basic philosophies and points of view that we were established on. Maybe that's the key, if we hold to the true principles of the Fraternity, we'll survive.



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**Hoke:** What do you see as the greatest concerns and potential problems facing our chapters today?

**Hertmen:** It was my pleasure, during the spring, to be with many of our undergraduate brothers through our Regional Academy programs. I have two main concerns that, I feel, all of us, from the pledge of a chapter to the National Board of Directors, need to be concerned with.

The first was discussed at very great length during our Regional Academies — the whole question of hazing. We, as a National Board, look at it from our point of view and see the harm that hazing does to the Fraternity. The undergraduate looks at it from his point of view and sees certain benefits that are being derived from hazing. There have been legal implications, liabilities have been placed, by courts, on Chapter Presidents, on Alumni Boards, on national fraternities for hazing incidents.

I'm not sure, in discussing this question with the undergraduates, that they do recognize the concerns that we have over hazing. The challenge is that we have to develop alternatives, which are still a challenge to the pledge, to properly prepare him to be a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. In order to try and deal with this issue, the National Board of Directors has appointed a Task Force, under the chairmanship of National Director Barry Posner, to conduct an in-depth analysis of the whole area of hazing practices, both in the Fraternity, dealing with hazing practices as they relate to groups such as fraternities, dealing with the age group in which fraternities are operating.

My second major concern is the abuse of alcohol in fraternity chapters. It concerns me when I walk into a chapter on a Thursday night, and it's obvious that, maybe not all, but a few of the brothers are under the influence of alcohol. There is something we seem to have to incorporate alcohol into the activity. Thus, we perpetuate our image to the outsider, and even to the insider, of too much emphasis on partying. Often, on one hand, we are the chapter that makes a major accomplishment, and then celebrate that accomplishment. But, in some cases, we see a chapter that doesn't accomplish anything and yet celebrates.

While this problem isn't isolated to fraternities on campus, with the concern and involvement of our local alumni brother, we should be able to provide the necessary guidance to combat it. Also, our Brotherhood development program, being distributed to chapters in the fall, suggests that chapters incorporate local experts to discuss with them the problems of alcohol abuse.

**Hoke:** What thoughts do you have about the academic year just completed?

**Hertmen:** I'm pleased to say that 1977-1978 was, in my opinion, one of the best years, overall, in the history of Sigma Phi Epsilon. This is evidenced in many areas; financially, we ended the year in a very favorable position. Despite the pressures of inflation, we controlled costs effectively, while continuing our high level of service to chapters. In terms of pledges and initiates registered in our chapters, our goals for the year were exceeded. Our national quality rating is at an all-time high. The total number of undergraduates in the Fraternity is also at its highest level, and we ended the year with more chapters and colonies than ever before.

I know that the other National Board members and the Headquarters staff have my optimism, as we approach this

coming academic year, based on our 1977-1978 results.

**Hoke:** Do you have any final observations?

**Hertmen:** Yes, and they are really feelings. I feel proud of the development that our organization has undergone during the last decade. But, even more importantly, I feel excited about our direction toward the future. From our Headquarters staff and their priorities, to our national leadership programs, to our Expectations for Quality Operation of our chapters, to our alumni development, I am confident that we lead every other major national college fraternity in our programming to meet the needs of our more than 8,000 undergraduate brothers and over 80,000 alumni worldwide, today and in the future. I am excited about Sigma Phi Epsilon's role in preparing brothers to become contributing, meaningful individuals. And, that's what we're all about.

## In Pursuit of Excellence!

Congratulations! The following chapters of Sigma Phi Epsilon were rated top or "Tied with top" out of all fraternities on their campuses in terms of overall quality, reputation, and rank in the Fraternity. The ratings were made by chapter presidents of other fraternities on those campuses and were compiled and reported by the College Survey Bureau, Inc., of Los Angeles. The ratings come from the students themselves and are reflective of chapter quality as of the 1977-1978 academic year. The top chapters are: (= Top fraternity on campus)

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- \*University of Detroit - Michigan Delta
- Illinois Tech - Illinois Beta
- Jacksonville University - Florida Theta
- Lawrence Tech - Michigan Theta
- \*Miami-Dade Junior College South - Florida Kappa
- \*North Carolina State - North Carolina Beta
- Philadelphia College of Textiles & Sciences - Pennsylvania Omicron
- \*University of Missouri-Rolla - Missouri Gemma
- \*Tennessee Wesleyan - Tennessee Delta
- \*Tri-State University - Indiana Theta
- Valparaiso University - Indiana Zeta
- \*Washburn University - Kansas Delta
- Angelo State University - Texas Omicron
- \*University of Arizona - Arizona Beta
- \*Atlantic Christian College - North Carolina Iota
- \*Central Michigan University - Michigan Gamma
- \*Colorado State - Colorado Gamma
- \*Fort Hays State - Kansas Zeta
- \*Indiana Tech - Indiana Eta
- \*Kentucky Wesleyan - Kentucky Gamma
- Lewis & Clark College - Oregon Gamma
- Montgomery College - Illinois Gamma
- \*Northwood Institute - Michigan Iota
- Oregon State - Oregon Alpha
- \*St. Mary's University - Texas Theta
- Texas A & M - Texas Mu
- Villanova - Pennsylvania Rho
- \*Virginia Commonwealth - Virginia Beta
- \*West Virginia Tech - West Virginia Epsilon
- \*Arizona State - Arizona Alpha
- \*Arkansas Tech - Arkansas Epsilon
- \*Belmont Abbey - North Carolina Lambda
- \*Central Missouri State - Missouri Theta
- \*Davis & Elkins College - West Virginia Delta
- \*Illinois State - Illinois Zeta
- \*Indiana State - Indiana Gamma - Indiana Kappa
- \*Loyola State - Texas Epsilon
- Loyola College - Iowa Eta
- \*North Carolina-Charlotte - North Carolina Mu
- \*Ohio Northern - Ohio Alpha
- Texas Tech - Texas Iota
- \*Vincennes Junior College - Indiana Iota
- \*Virginia Tech - Virginia Kappa
- \*Youngstown State - Ohio Nu

# Reflections

## A Special Brotherhood

by Robert L. Batz, Kearney State, '74

Just having completed reading a recent edition of the Journal, I noticed a change of address card on the back page and began to fill it out. When I came to the last line, the one requesting "college" and "year of graduation", I began to wonder, for the college from which I graduated has no Sig Ep chapter, nor does it today. If I listed the name of my active chapter, that would be "okay," but in the year of my undergraduate graduation, that chapter was non-existent. I began to ponder this rather unusual circumstance and then decided to clear up this situation with Headquarters, and in so doing, shared my feelings about Sig Ep with my advisor.

I began college as a "wet behind the ears kid" of 18. Being an "only child," a distinction having mixed blessings, I was desirous of meeting new friends and having some close relationships while in college. So, as a stay eyed freshman I pledged a local chapter of a national fraternity on the campus at William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri. I pledged that particular house because during rush the members did a beautiful job of "showing" me with their brand of "brotherhood." After being a pledge for a few months, I soon found that brotherhood to them meant harassment, pledge "courts" by the "always totally right" actives, "chewings out" for not being at the house exactly at the stroke of 8 a.m. on Saturday for pledge duties (who wants to be the last of bed at 7 a.m. on Saturday morning, anyway?)... and midnight walks, pant-less in the country trying to grope ones way through the brambles back to town and the house. The latter after having been driven to the country blindfolded by a group of actives as a measure of punishment relative to a minor infraction of some equally minor pledge regulation. Well, after several months of this I decided fraternalities were not all what they were advertised to be.... brotherhood, indeed! I soon found myself being glad to be an only child and wanting to keep it that way!

In 1963 I received my A.B. as a "non-affil." (William Jewell being a Baptist College did not allow G.D.'s), spent some years in business, operated my own business, met the girl of my dreams and married, went back to graduate school for an M.A., liked it, and stayed on to complete a Ph.D. in 1973. During these years the concept of fraternity lost all relevance and even passed from my thoughts.

In fall 1973, I began my first full time teaching position in the Department of Business Administration at Kearney State College in Nebraska. One day, toward the middle of the fall term, two of my students sort of "hung around" after my class in Personnel Administration. As I began to leave the room for my office, they asked if they could visit with me for a few minutes, and we walked out together. During the walk they began giving me a bit of basic background about a fraternity they belonged to and how their chapter was going down hill and how they needed a chapter advisor... and... would I fill the job?

Immediately, my mind raced back to the late 1950's and my days as a pledge to that house at William Jewell. My first impulse was to tell them firmly and directly, "NO!", but instead I said I would like to think about it and would let them know in a few days. I later discussed it with Ed Evans (psychologist and wife) and while I felt quite honored by the guys having asked, I still had an historically sour feeling for the idea of fraternities.

Well, for some reason, I decided to give it a try and, thereupon one cold Monday night in late November I



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found myself standing in front of Nebraska Gamma's red front door. Behind that door I found a large, somewhat tumble down, badly worn, sparsely furnished old house, suitable (unless the Health Department raised it) for housing 35 men, but actually housing only nine. The night I arrived, the last pledge in the fall pledge class had just depledged and things were in a pretty low state. I still was not convinced I wanted the job, but the guys at the house seemed so sincere and so dedicated and so in need of someone's assistance, I began to change my feelings. At the meeting the following Monday I met Tim Biddle (then a Regional Director for Headquarters) who had come to survey the wreckage and try to help pull things into shape. Tim, the handful of remaining actives and I sat down to discuss solutions for the many problems.

During the months that followed, I watched from the sidelines as the brothers of Nebraska Gamma literally worked their tails off trying to rebuild that chapter. I had never met guys like these. Not only did they have a sincere belief in what they were doing, but each of them gave his time for the good of the rest with no strings attached. Not only did they talk about brotherhood, but they actually practiced it, daily. I watched during the spring that handful of actives make personal calls to the dorms, hand picked a pledge class and one by one put them through the steps of indoctrination. I was impressed with their determination and with their loyalty not only to each other in the active house, but also toward the new pledges who had come on board during that spring semester.

By late April the year's activities were winding down. There were now the nine actives and the house began to look as though it was solidly on its way. One evening, after an open chapter meeting, I picked up a copy of the old pledge manual.

**EDUCATING FOR BROTHERHOOD** and carried it home with me to see if I could find out more about Sig Ep. I sat up until past 3:30 a.m. reading that book, re-reading that book, thinking about the things in the manual and combining those statements with what I had observed the past several months. Indeed, Sig Ep was a fraternity, in the real sense. Not a "boy's club" as I had experienced during my college youth. I began to think about my tenure at Kearney State. I knew I would not stay there for the rest of my teaching career, yet I had found something in Sig Ep and my relationship with the Brothers at the house, and I did not want to give that up.

The following day I went to the house to visit with one of the actives, Mike Pfeifer. Incidentally, one of my students who had asked me to be chapter advisor, "Pet" and I sat for several hours and talked about the house, the future of the pledges, and the rush coming the following fall.

After several hours, I finally got up the nerve to ask the question I had gone to ask Pet in the first place and during a pause in the conversation, I blurted out, "Can a guy aged 32 who isn't a student pledge the house?" Looking back, I am not sure who was the more shocked, me for having finally gotten it out, or Pet for having heard it!

During the summer months that followed, I studied the pledge manual and the following fall (now my second year on the faculty at K.S.C.) I joined the 1974 Fall Pledge Class of 32. On the twelfth of January, 1975, with 24 other brothers I became an active and thereby a life long member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. I mark that date of activation as a very important day in my life for now I can be a Sig Ep no matter where I go to teach.

We left Kearney State in 1976 in order that I might take up the duties of a faculty member at the University of Wisconsin at Green Bay. When I came to this campus there were no fraternities. I managed to find one freshman who was interested,

though, and through his efforts there is now a small nucleus of fellows who have formed a local organization. With the assistance of Chapter Development Director Ken Maddox of Headquarters, this nucleus has received some good input and is on the way to developing into a nice chapter. Hopefully, someday this local will become a colony and eventually a new Sig Ep chapter.

Sig Ep has a great deal to offer a guy, whether he is a college Freshman, alum or even an "older" faculty member. When I look back on my experiences at Nebraska Gamma I feel very warm and satisfied inside; for while I went there to teach students at the college, I was the one who learned from the students... the brothers of Nebraska Gamma; and I would not give up those memories for anything. I suppose one could say that being a Sig Ep is a way of belonging to a special brotherhood and I am very proud to be a part of that brotherhood.

## Major Chapter Development Projects Are Underway!



Oklahoma State chapter house nears completion

The start of every academic year carries with it a great deal of excitement for our Fraternity, but this year stands out for Sigma Phi Epsilon with several major chapter projects underway. We thought you would like to know about them.

**Oklahoma State University (Oklahoma Alpha):** As reported in the July edition of the Journal, a new \$300,000 chapter house has been completed. The Fraternity's National Housing Corporation provided a \$40,000 second mortgage loan and guarantee to help complete the project... alumni are conducting an active fund-raising program. The house dedication is scheduled for Homecoming, November 4. Rush is underway at this writing, with a goal of 30 pledges this fall.

**University of California Santa Barbara (California Gamma):** This chapter, dormant since 1972, is being recolonized this year, following a \$40,000 National Housing Corporation loan to renovate the chapter house. Resident Counselor James Nissen, Oregon State, '74, is guiding the colony members in their rush and organizational efforts this fall.

**Michigan State University (Michigan Epsilon):** Alumni of this chapter are spearheading an effort to recolonize on campus this fall and the purchase of a \$35,000 chapter house has just been completed. Resident Counselor Paul Huffman, Central Michigan, '76, will be working with the colony members and Alumni Board in rebuilding the Michigan Epsilon Chapter. The Housing Corporation loan of \$45,000 and guarantee is making the purchase possible.

**University of Minnesota (Minnesota Alpha):** The colony members are returning this fall to a \$125,000 house purchased over the summer by the Minnesota Alpha Alumni Board. A fraternity loan of \$25,000, plus a guarantee, has helped... alumni are raising \$35,000. A strong rush at the end of September is needed to fill the house this fall, with projected installation of the long dormant chapter in November.

**Ohio State University (Ohio Gamma):** This 70-year-old chapter is currently undergoing a re-colonization period under the guidance of Alumni Board members, and Resident Counselor Robert J. Hanrahan, Indiana, '77. The house is being redecorated, and other improvements are being made with the help of a \$25,000 loan from the National Housing Corporation.

**Syracuse University (New York Alpha):** Has just leased another chapter house with which to build their chapter this year. Other Syracuse area alumni are needed to assist! In the alumni support of this chapter, which has been guided for the last several years by Stanley Evans, Syracuse, '36 and Chapter Counselor William J. O'Brien, Syracuse, '69

# Alumni Meeting News

## A Special Pearl Badge Takes A Sig Ep Journey

by William A. MacDonough,  
Washington and Lee, '29

Fifty-two years ago at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, when a man named George Depass was initiated by Sigma Phi Epsilon's Virginia Epsilon Chapter, a very special Sig Ep relationship was started. That relationship, through a Sig Ep badge, lives on today.

Brother Depass' chapter initiation number was 144, and his national number was 9,408. His membership in Sigma Phi Epsilon was very special to him, and by the time Depass was ready for graduation with a B.A. degree in 1928, he had enough money to trade in his plain gold fraternity badge for a crown set pearl and yellow gold Sig Ep heart. He was as proud of his new gold heart as he was of his Fraternity and the experience that it gave him during his years at Washington and Lee.

When Brother Depass returned to his hometown of Spartanburg, South Carolina, he decided to become a lawyer. Not having sufficient resources to pay his way through law school, he "read" his way into the Bar and passed the required legal examinations. His career as a lawyer and later as a judge was distinguished. A noted community leader, George Depass was also active in local politics until his death.

Depass and his wife, Lucy, had two daughters to whom he was a loving father, but he also enjoyed acting as a combination surrogate father and scout leader to a young man growing up in Spartanburg, William M. Gordon. Among his many activities with young Gordon, Depass kept him supplied with pets, rabbits, chickens, ducklings, possums, and other wild and domesticated animals "that would entertain a small boy," as Gordon says, truly made a nature lover out of him.

By the time Bill Gordon left Spartanburg to enter Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, in the early 1950s, he had also been well indoctrinated in Sigma Phi Epsilon by George Depass. Gordon was rushed into membership by the Ohio Eta brothers that he was proud to accept a bid to pledge their chapter, which was initiated in 1956, and George Depass was there to proudly pin his Sig Ep badge on Gordon. Gordon's chapter number was 242 and his national initiation number 45,278.

Before Bill Gordon graduated from Miami in 1957 with degrees in finance and banking, he had been chapter social chairman for three years, had served as a guard on the Ritual team, and was highly active in the chapter. After a tour in the Army and a stint as a Chicago stockbroker, he decided to make teaching his profession. Following eight years in public schools, he entered graduate school at Indiana University, where he completed his work for his Ph.D., before returning to Miami University, where he now serves as a full professor in the field of educational administration and curriculum.

The third step in the progression of the Depass Sig Ep badge was taken on April 23, 1978, when Bill Gordon's son, William Russel Gordon, became the third generation to proudly wear the pearl Sig Ep badge. Young Bill Gordon was assigned chapter roll number 118,749 and national roll number 118,174. Majoring in business with an emphasis on marketing and advertising, he was elected President of his pledge class in the Fall of 1977 and serves as golden heart rush coordinator this year. He was an honorable mention wrestler in high school.

Young Bill's initiation has even more significance, since for the past 11 years, his father has been Chapter



Dr. William M. Gordon



William R. Gordon



MacDonough

Counselor for Ohio Eta. The elder Gordon takes great pride that the chapter has grown in both quality and stature, and has been awarded three consecutive Buchanan Outstanding Chapter Awards. The chapter is also recognized as one of the top chapters in Sigma Phi Epsilon. "Doc" Gordon has been a member of the Fraternity's National Leadership Committee for two years, active in planning for the last Grand Chapter Conclave in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and is currently working on the upcoming Conclave in Cincinnati. Professionally, he has pursued a distinguished career, recognized nationally for his work in school desegregation, as well as for his work in reading and program design.

Both members of the Gordon family hope that after young Bill has had an opportunity for a full fraternity experience at Miami University, eventually a third Gordon will become the fourth generation to wear George Depass' pearl and gold Sig Ep heart.

**Editor's Note:** William A. "Mac" MacDonough was a classmate of George Depass at Washington and Lee University. MacDonough served as Grand President of the Fraternity for two years and as a member of the National Board of Directors prior to that term. As Grand President, he had the privilege of appointing Dr. Gordon to serve on the National Board's Journal Committee.

### Arkansas

The Arkadelphia Alumni organization will meet November 4, coinciding with the Henderson State Homecoming activities. For details, contact Zen Martin, Box 547, Sheridan, Arkansas 72150.

### Illinois

Illinois Gamma (Montmout College) alumni and undergraduate Sig Eps gathered on Saturday, May 20, to take part in the chapter's 30th anniversary festivities at the house. Special guest was Grand President John W. Hartman.

Chicago Sig Ep alumni are urged to contact District Alumni Advisor Gary Nukowich, telephone: (312) 259-2031 (Office) or 895-4619 (Home), to reorganize the long dormant Chicago Alumni Chapter this year.

### Indiana

The Indianapolis Alumni Chapter is meeting regularly on the first Monday of each month. For details, contact Maurice D. Rohleder, (317) 944-4650.

### Kansas

Wichita area Sig Ep alumni are invited to attend Wichita State's Homecoming festivities at which time an official Wichita alumni organization will be launched. Meet at noon, November 4, at the Kansas Eta chapter house, 1740 North Vassar; attend the 2:30 football game and the dinner which follows. For more information, contact Bob Tolleson, telephone: (316) 681-8498 or 685-4558.

### Maine

Attention Portland area Sig Eps! Contact Tom Nelson, telephone: (207) 772-7468, for news of Portland alumni activities.

### Michigan

Ferris State (Michigan Zele) alumni met July 16 for their fourth annual alumni get-together. Activities included swimming, volleyball, softball, and many other summer sports. The event was spearheaded by Ronald Vliestenz, Alumni Board President, and Dr. Clare G. Johnson, Chapter Alumni Advisor. For more information, contact Vliestenz at 5102 Havanna S.W., Wyoming, Michigan 49509.

### New Jersey

The Greater New Jersey Alumni Chapter will meet October 8 at the Rutgers University (New Jersey Beta) chapter house, 572 George Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Contact Dave Arbeitman, (201) 889-7870, for details.

### New York

Buffalo area Sig Eps met July 20 to make plans for organization as an Alumni Chapter. Also targeted is work with Sig Ep colonies—SUNY at Buffalo and Buffalo State College. For information on upcoming events, contact Brian Huckle, (716) 648-1367.

New York City Sig Eps will meet again Thursday, September 28, at the NYU Club, 12:00 noon, 123 West 43rd Street. Contact David A. Gingras, (212) 333-6508 (Day) or (201) 741-3247 (Home) for more information.

### North Carolina

North Carolina Mu (Eton College) Alumni Association was approved by the National Board of Directors, and the certificate will be presented during Homecoming, November 4. For more information, contact Phil Hall, (919) 942-4187. Other activities are planned through the year.

### Oklahoma

Tulsa area Alumni met September 8 at the Fountains in Tulsa to discuss the progress at Oklahoma State, and activities at Oklahoma University, and the possibility of re-establishing our Tulsa University chapter. For information on other activities throughout the year, contact District Alumni Advisor John Denba, (918) 341-0203.

### Pennsylvania

Philadelphia area alumni met September 8, with featured speaker Greg Lee, Pennsylvania State, '70, who discussed mid-life career changes. Plans were also made for other activities throughout the year, contact Gary Bones, (215) 527-2100, for details.

### Tennessee

Tennessee Gamma (East Tennessee State) Alumni Association was recently approved for recognition by the National Board of Directors. The Association is working to raise funds for needed repairs on the chapter house, which we hope to have completed by the end of the fall. We have also begun to assemble career information on our members to determine that we may implement a career development program for the brothers of Tennessee Gamma. Homecoming festivities are being planned in honor of the Gamma Gamma Silver Anniversary on Saturday, October 14. A full schedule is planned! If you are not receiving our bimonthly newsletter, send us your address in care of the active chapter. Newly elected officers are Herb Donaldson, President (P.O. Box 1335, Bristol, Virginia 24201); Buck Bratcher, Vice President; Dale Williams, Treasurer, and Leny Garland, Secretary.

### Texas

The Texas Iota (Texas Tech University) Alumni Association was formally approved by the National Board of Directors, and members will be meeting periodically throughout the year. For more information, contact Michael Black, 5747-38, Lubbock, Texas 79407.

Houston area Sig Eps are urged to talk with John Pace, (713) 376-4982 (Home) or 1-800-231-1205 (Office), about an alumni organization in that city.

# The Educational Foundation . . .

## 1978 Awards Demonstrate its Growth, Development, Commitment!

With the presentation of 71 leadership and scholarship awards this year, the total awards made by the Sigma Phi Epsilon Foundation since its first in 1955 will total \$126,775. This includes awards from the Foundation's General Fund (unrestricted) totaling \$60,750, and awards from chapter or other restricted funds totaling \$65,365. In all, 486 brothers have received awards and grants through the Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation.

In addition, the student loan program has made loans totaling \$82,600 to more than 140 brothers. It is significant to note that the student loan program had to cease operation in December, 1977, due to a lack of funds. Fortunately, however, Brother Edward T. Bradford, an alumnus of the Colorado State University chapter, left a bequest to the student loan program in his will, which was received in February, 1978, enabling us to resume the important student loan program. This year, loans have been made to five brothers totaling \$3,000.

Historically, the Foundation awarded general scholarships for its first few years of operation. Soon, the William L. Phillips Estate, restricted to the Virginia Alpha Chapter, began making awards, followed later by the William and Mary chapter (Virginia Delta) through a fund established by Brother J. Edward Zollinger. In 1970, the U. G. Dubach scholarships were established for the Oregon State (Oregon Alpha) chapter, made possible by a gift from the late Dr. U. G. Dubach. Since then, the number of chapter restricted funds has increased to the point where 21 chapters may now make annual awards through their Foundation funds.

Over the years, the emphasis on utilization of the Foundation awards program has changed from one of pure academic recognition to an increased emphasis on leadership activities, both on campus and in the chapter. And as this emphasis on leadership matures, the Foundation is playing a more significant role in recognizing those undergraduate brothers who demonstrate leadership abilities. This provides recognition and financial support to those who will be our citizen leaders in the future.

Recognizing that it is not possible to meet the needs of the many outstanding applicants for scholarships annually, the Educational Foundation Trustees are beginning to emphasize student loans and grants to transfer students or graduate students who are willing to live in a chapter house and work with a chapter on its academic and leadership training programs. The Trustees feel this allocation of resources will have a greater impact on more of our undergraduate brothers.

What Does the Foundation mean?  
What role does it play in the lives  
of Sigma Phi Epsilon and its brothers?

- Scholarships
- Loans
- Special Award Funds
- Chapter Funds
- Resident Counselors
- Leadership Programs !

## The 1978 General Fund Award Winners

From among 118 applications for awards in 1978, the Foundation Scholarship Awards Committee consisting of Dr. Jack J. Early, President of Limestone College in Gaffney, South Carolina, Dr. Fred A. Tarpley, a professor at East Texas State University, and Committee Chairman Dr. Garland G. Parker, Executive Director of the Office for Enrollment Policy and Educational Research at the University of Cincinnati, selected 14 recipients of awards totaling \$3,950. The Scholarship Awards Committee also selected the recipients for the restricted funds of the University of Southern California chapter (California Beta), Illinois Institute of Technology (Illinois Beta), the Phillips Estate for Virginia Alpha, and the College of William and Mary fund (Virginia Alpha).

The composite of the 14 General Fund award recipients shows an average grade point of 3.73, six recipients are Chapter Presidents, two Controllers, two Vice Presidents, three Secretaries, and a Pledge Educator. The major field of study shows seven in business, concentrating on economics and accounting, three in engineering, and four in liberal arts. The average financial need was \$1,300, ranging from a high of \$5,400 to a low of \$300.



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### \$400 Awards

**John W. Cunningham**  
University of Michigan

**Mitchell K. Dauerman**  
Rutgers University

**Richard G. Jaworski**  
St. Mary's University

**Charles G. McCollum**  
Morris Harvey College

**Andrew R. McCorkle**  
Davis & Elkins College

### Joseph E. Morton

Kentucky Wesleyan University

**David I. Schiller**  
Cornell University

### \$250 Awards

**Daniel D. Murphy**  
University of Arizona

**Scott S. McAloos**  
Tri-State University

**Philip A. Opsal**  
Georgia Tech

### \$100 Awards

**Aaron A. Karp**  
Drury College

**Theodore F. Hoell**  
Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville

**Dennis L. Mildelt**  
Pittsburgh State University

**Geoffrey S. Rehnert**  
Duke University

## Restricted Chapter Fund Awards Announced

Scholarships were awarded through the Educational Foundation from 11 different chapter restricted scholarship funds. Every Sig Ep chapter (including its alumni) may establish its own restricted fund within the Educational Foundation, and awards may be made after each fund reaches a principal minimum of \$1,000. Recipients of the chapter scholarship funds are:

**California Beta Fund**  
University of Southern California  
\$400 Award - Steven H. Nehigian

**Florida Alpha Alumni Scholarship**  
University of Florida \$150 Awards  
to Donald S. Thiesse  
and William H. Mayer, Jr.

**Illinois Beta Fund**  
Illinois Institute of Technology  
\$100 Award to William R.  
Haushalter

**George H. Seike Scholarship**  
Indiana Alpha, Purdue University  
\$500 Award to David M. Andrews

**Missouri Theta Fund**  
Central Missouri State University  
\$100 Award - Recipient to be  
named

**Virginia Delta Fund**  
College of William & Mary  
\$250 Award to Brian T. Moore

### David L. Dunlap Leadership Awards

Virginia Epsilon, Washington & Lee University  
\$200 Awards - Goetz E. Eston  
Lawrence H. Bryant

### U. G. Dubach Scholarships

Oregon Alpha, Oregon State University  
15 tuition awards totaling  
\$2,750 made during the academic quarters

### Last year's recipients

Richard A. Hermanson  
Allan L. Connell, Jr.  
Michael C. Heinrich  
Melvin D. Ferguson  
Thomas A. Higgins  
Terry S. Lindstrom  
William C. Kirkpatrick  
Thomas E. Riehmann  
Michael C. Martin  
Andrew R. Collier  
John P. MacCormac  
Oren H. Fletcher  
Michael A. Rich  
Jeffrey L. Bosthears  
John H. Sanström, Jr.

## First Dulin New Chapter Award Given

A \$100 award was granted this first year from the estate of William S. Gordon Dulin. The award was established in recognition of outstanding leadership of a charter member of a newly chartered chapter. The first award, which is presented to help establish a scholarship fund for the new chapter, went to Massachusetts Epsilon in honor of Walter Dudovicz, Bentley College, '78. Dudovicz was Colony President and a charter member of Massachusetts Epsilon. The award will be presented annually in honor of Brother Dulin, who was a charter member of the D.C. Alpha, George Washington University, Chapter.

# Meet the Educational Foundation Trustees



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## Special Foundation Gifts

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On the Occasion of:  
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All those responsible for doubling the undergraduate membership of  
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The Future successes of the 1978-1979 Regional Directors  
by: Charles N. White, Jr.

The Fraternity's outstanding performance during the 1977-1978  
academic year.  
by: The National Board of Directors

## 1978-'79 Resident Counselors

The Educational Foundation is pleased to announce that Sig Ep graduate students have been placed as Resident Counselors this year! The Foundation has awarded each of these brothers a study grant, and arrangements have been made to help pay for their room and board at their respective graduate campuses. The 1978-1979 Resident Counselors are:

James C. Nissen (Oregon State, '74) University of Santa Barbara Colony

Paul Huffman (Central Michigan University, '76) Michigan State University Colony

Robert A. Dean, III (Stetson University, '74) University of New Mexico

Robert J. Hanrhan (Indiana University, '77) Ohio State

Kevin Vissar (Central Missouri State, '79) University of Iowa

Lloyd A. Murphy (Bradley, '77) University of Illinois

The Fraternity's Educational Foundation is still looking to place Sig Ep graduate students at the following campuses:

\*Syracuse University \*University of Colorado

\*Oklahoma State University \*University of Massachusetts

\*University of Minnesota \*University of Alabama

\*Baker University (Kansas) \*University of Montana

Arrangements for Resident Counselors at these campuses would include a study grant and room and board (arranged through the local Alumni Board, where applicable with house).

## Zollinger Leadership Award Winners

A \$100 award was presented to the sophomore of each of the 25 Sig Ep chapters which had a recipient of the J. Edward Zollinger Outstanding Senior Award made at last spring's Regional Leadership Academies. The outstanding seniors were selected from among nominations by each chapter in each of the 25 Districts. The Zollinger Leadership Award recognizes leadership ability demonstrated by the sophomore in each of those chapters, and selection is made by the chapters themselves. The 25 Leadership Award recipients are:

District	Chapter	Sophomore Recipient	Outstanding Senior Recipient
1	Bentley College	Remaldo Valdes	Kevin J. Marchand
2	Pennsylvania State	Mark D. Vancura	Steven A. Espa
3	Univ. of Delaware	Richard M. DeVine	Anthony T. Glenn
4	Washington & Lee	Gordon H. Copland	Peter A. Quinn
5	Morris Harvey Coll.	Charles G. McCullum	Stephen E. Kawash
6	North Carolina State	Stanhope A. Kelly	Scott A. Stone
7	Georgia Tech	John D. Thomson	Nicholas W. Hollingshead
8	Stetson Univ.	Mark D. Hopson	Mark S. Storey
9	Univ. of Toledo	John G. Mandula, Randy N. McCullough	Thomas L. Bowers
10	Michigan Tech	Andrew J. Hoehlein	Dean L. Woodbeck
11	Tri-State Univ.	Christopher A. Moore	George M. Hall
12	Univ. of Kentucky	Lawrence S. Waldman	Michael W. Federle
13	Lambuth College	Scott D. Kaufman	Steven D. Daniels
14	Carroll College	Cole J. Carson	Bruce R. Juppe
15	Monmouth College	Michael G. Stephens	Harold W. Turvey
16	Loisirs College	Stephens	Douglas P. Friedman
17	Univ. of Missouri-K.C.	Timothy W. Murdoch	Dennis Painter
18	Arkansas Tech	Kyle S. Bateman	Berry L. Swain
19	Mississippi State	Robert L. Resin	Donald L. Rosenkrans
20	Fort Hays State	Steven C. Howard	Donald L. Melby
21	Univ. of Texas	Kir B. Beethe	John A. Kelli
22	Univ. of Colorado	Robert H. Bullington	Karl K. Nicoletti
23	Arizona State	David J. George	Joseph K. Pipar
24	U. of California-Davis	Craig M. Johnson	Robert A. Beggs
25	Washington State		Lyle E. Moss

# Chapter Housing

On most college and university campuses, a fraternity house is an integral part of fraternity life, and has been since the early part of this century. And many times, it becomes a major competitive factor in rush.

Sigma Phi Epsilon's chapter housing takes many forms: small lodges used primarily for meetings and other chapter activities, separate university-owned dormitory wings, smaller, older homes which are owned by the local alumni housing corporations to large, modern homes.

A major concern, particularly with our older chapter houses, is the growing need for repairs and renovation due to age. Two fraternity resources, formed nearly 20 years ago for the purpose of meeting this need, are the Chapter Investment Fund, and the Housing Loan Fund. These programs, which are overseen by the Fraternity's National Housing Corporation Trustees, are called upon frequently by Alumni Boards wishing to make house improvements, or to purchase or build a house for their chapter. During the last academic year, 18 chapters withdrew some or all of their specific Chapter Investment Fund holdings for this purpose, and 15 received loans from the Housing Corporation.

We thought you'd like to see some of the Fraternity's housing facilities around the country.



Indiana Beta-Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana



California Eta-U.C.-Davis, Davis, California



Arizona Alpha-Arizona State Univ., Tempe, Arizona



Kentucky Alpha-University of Kentucky, Lexington



Colorado Delta-Colorado School of Mines, Golden, Colo.



Iowa Beta-Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa



North Carolina Gamma-Duke University, Durham, North Carolina



Montana Alpha-University of Montana, Missoula, Montana



Kansas Gamma-Kansas University, Lawrence, Kansas



Most recent acquisition Nebraska Beta—Univ. of Nebraska-Omaha



Virginia Alpha—University of Richmond



Pennsylvania Nu-Theta College, Greenville, Pennsylvania



California Delta-San Diego State, San Diego, California



Virginia Kappa-Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia



Mississippi Beta-Mississippi State Univ., Starkville, Ms.

## Chapter Alumni Contact . . . Quality Programs Recognized!

Congratulations to the chapters listed below for their quality alumni relations programs! These chapters have done a quality job in maintaining frequent and meaningful contact with their alumni, through newsletters, alumni functions, and other alumni related activities, as reported by the 1977-1978 Regional Directors. In addition to this listing in the Journal, they will also receive letters from the Grand President congratulating them on their effort. The chapters with quality alumni program are:

West Virginia Beta—West Virginia University  
 West Virginia Delta—Davis & Elkins College  
 West Virginia Zeta—Morris Harvey College  
 Alabama Alpha—Auburn University  
 Florida Alpha—University of Florida  
 Florida Eta—Rollins College  
 North Carolina Gamma—Duke University  
 North Carolina Delta—University of North Carolina  
 North Carolina Epsilon—Davidson College  
 North Carolina Iota—Atlantic Christian College  
 North Carolina Nu—University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill  
 South Carolina Alpha—University of South Carolina  
 Indiana Beta—Indiana University  
 Indiana Theta—Tri-State College  
 Ohio Alpha—Ohio Northern University  
 Ohio Epsilon—Ohio Wesleyan University  
 Ohio Eta—Miami University  
 Ohio Kappa—Bowling Green State University  
 Ohio Omicron—The Delfin College  
 Illinois Beta—Illinois Tech  
 Illinois Gamma—Monmouth College  
 Iowa Beta—Iowa State University  
 Missouri Gamma—University of Missouri-Rolla  
 Missouri Zeta—Southeast Missouri State University  
 Missouri Theta—Central Missouri State University  
 Kansas Gamma—Kansas University  
 Kansas Zeta—Fox Hays State University  
 Kansas Theta—Pittsburg State University  
 Nebraska Beta—University of Nebraska-Omaha  
 Oklahoma Beta—University of Oklahoma  
 Arizona Alpha—Arizona State University  
 California Theta—California State University-Sacramento  
 Washington Alpha—Washington State University

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**Craig A. Scherzer**, Southeast Missouri State, 73, is a competing masters' student in business administration at St. Louis University.

**Jack T. Harris**, Montana, 44 was honored recently at Helena, Mont. for having dedicated 45 years to his service to the people of the state. May 13, 1978, was the 45th anniversary of Jack T. Harris Day at a ceremony presided over by the mayor of Helena. Harris was the city's first director of recreation, devoting his time to the development of Bear Creek Park, a local organization, and youth work in his church.

**Michael E. O'Conner**, Montana, is a landscape architect for Tops Corp., Oak Brook, Ill.

**NEBRASKA**

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**Richard W. Crawford**, Massachusetts, '77, has been released from active duty in the Army and is accounttant and office manager for Bunnell Manufacturing, manufacturer of baby furniture in Everett, Mass.

**Learence E. LeFurge**, M.I.T., '61, is a project director for Data General Computer Co. in Woburn, Mass.

**William A. Nelson**, Jr., M.I.T., '64 has been promoted by Johnson & Johnson as group engineering manager for the firm's midwestern Surgical Dressing Plant and distribution center at Chicago, Ill.

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**MINNESOTA**

**Stan Loya**, Minnesota, '31, is semi-retired and planning to develop an apartment complex at Portland, Ore.

**MISSISSIPPI**

**Edward E. Powell**, Mississippi, '70, is a senior medical director at Kansas City College of Osteopathic Medicine, Kansas City, Mo.

**Jeff D. Pace**, Jr., Mississippi State, '69, is manager of Shookhaven Monuments Co., Brookhaven, Miss.

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**Torrey C. Longshore, Alabama**, died October 21, 1977, at Birmingham, Ala., at the age of 82.

**Dr. E. Peeler Williams, Auburn**, 25, professor emeritus of biochemistry at the University of Tennessee, died August 19, 1978, at home, died January 19, 1929. He had served on the faculty for 45 years and had also served as Fulbright Lecturer at Pahlavi University in Shiraz, Iran. He was a member of Tau Beta Pi and Phi Kappa Phi.

**Fred W. Walpole, Howard**, '33, died December 21, 1977, at Long Beach, Calif.

## ARIZONA

**Reymond O. Blankenship, Arkansas**, Arkansas, died March 26, 1978, at North Little Rock, Ark.

**Henry H. McKinnies, Arkansas**, died during 1978, at Little Rock.

**Charles D. Wren, Arkansas**, a retired executive with Ralston Purina Co., died November 3, 1977, at Gainesville, Ga., at the age of 75.

## CALIFORNIA

**Robert L. Ains, Sacramento**, '78, was killed June 12 in an automobile accident near Elko, Nevada, while enroute to visit another Sig Ep brother.

**James Blackwell, California**, '19, died recently in Tucson, Ariz.

**Orly D. Davis, California**, 25, lawyer in Visalia, Calif., born in 1953, and a member of the governing board of Hastings College of Law, died January 25, 1978, in Visalia.

**William H. McConnell, California**, '30, died May 9, 1978, at San Jose.

**Harold R. Stinson, California**, '22, died February 28, 1978, at Los Angeles, Calif.

**Edward E. Turpin, California**, died during 1978, at South Lake Tahoe, Calif.

**Robert C. Dunn, Southern California**, died at Palmdale, Calif., in 1978.

**Guy L. Bergman, Colorado**, '38, died December 17, 1977, at Windham, Wash.

**Charles W. Brunson, Denver**, '31, died March 19, 1978, of a heart attack.

**Frederick E. Dickerson, Denver**, '22, died during October at Littleton, Colo.

**Malvina W. Price, Denver**, '32, died during May, 1978, at Denver, Colo.

**Roy H. Rausch, Denver**, '35, died June 10, 1978, at Englewood, Colo.

**Earl E. Hart, Denver**, '15, died during April, 1978, at Muskegon, Mich.

**Lewis O. Anderson, Colorado Mines**, '39, an employee of the National Park Service at Hewitt Vocational High School, Denver, until his retirement on June 4, 1977, died July 17, 1978, at Tucson, Ariz.

**Dennis F. Grind, Colorado Mines**, '62, died March 17, 1978, at Englewood, Colo.

**Thomas W. Sander, Colorado Mines**, died November 4, 1977, at Trinidad, Colo.

**Dr. J. Paul Chumley, Colorado State**, '66, Longmont, Colo., died November 4, 1977, at the age of 41, from an undetermined accident in Steamboat Springs, Colo.

**Kenneth D. Kneus, Colorado State**, '39, an executive with Great Western Sugar Co., died January 19, 1978, at Brighton, Colo.

## DELAWARE

**Henry P. Cleaver, Delaware**, '18, died during 1977 at Newville, N.Y.

**Paul J. Coughlin, Jr., Delaware**, '41, died May 2, 1974, at Wilmington, Del.

**Robert F. Reighley, Delaware**, '11, died February 15, 1978, at Rehoboth Beach, Del.

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**Horace E. King George Washington**, '22, died March 14, 1978, at Vero Beach, Fla.

**Buster Smith, George Washington**, '29, died March 15, 1978, at Arlington, Va.

## FLORIDA

**Benjamin S. Burton, Jr., Florida**, '53, died January 24, 1978, at Austin, Tex., of cancer, at the age of 45.

**William H. Russ, Jr., Florida**, died February 25, 1978, at Stone Mountain, Ga.

## GEORGIA

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**John C. Odom, Georgia Tech**, '20, died December 6, 1977, at Houston, Tex.

**Dou C. Covington, Georgia Tech**, died during 1978, at Atlanta, Ga.

**Col. O. Donald Keller, U.S. Army Ret.**, Georgia Tech, '26, died March 10, 1978, at Jacksonville, Fla., P.C. of cancer.

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**Warren T. Moore, Georgia Tech**, died recently at Atlanta, Ga., DoA.

**Robert A. Morris, Georgia Tech**, '09, builder and operator of textile mills in Georgia, New Orleans, and Shanghai, China, died May 2, 1977, at Atlanta, Ga., at the age of 80.

**Frank E. Popoff, Georgia Tech**, '30, died February 19, 1978, at Villa Rica, Ga.

**George A. Stockton, Jr., Georgia Tech**, '32, Atlanta, Ga., hardware salesman for 32 years and World War II veteran, died January 21, 1978, at Winterset-Salem.

**Howard E. Sopher, Bradley**, died March 6, 1974, at Lake Forest, Ill.

**Albert E. Gage, Illinois**, died recently at Wimmette, Ill.

**George H. Hines, Illinois**, '30, died during January 1978 at Boise, Idaho.

**Harold F. Hughes, Illinois**, died January 16, 1978, at Washington, D.C.

**Frank J. Klemm, Illinois**, '35, industrial engineer for U.S. Steel Corp., died January 17, 1978, at Elgin, Ill.

**Victor B. Neinswanger, Illinois**, '21, died November 1, 1977, at Elgin, Ill.

**William B. Ritter, Illinois**, '36, died June 26, 1978, at Melrose Park, Ill.

**Mervin D. Wright, Illinois**, '50, died October 13, 1978, at Vero Beach, Fla.

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**Willie L. Gilmore, Indiana**, '35, died recently at Marion, Ind.

**Fred L. Ritchie, Indiana**, died December 30, 1973.

**Gen. Marion C. Smith, Indiana**, died March 10, 1978, at Long Beach, Calif.

**Howard H. Farand, Iowa**, '23, died recently at Urbandale, Iowa.

**Ralph K. Tucker, Indiana State**, died recently at Terre Haute, Ind.

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